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## Senate Committee Finds:

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**GOP Senate Bigshots:** At a pre-session conference in Washington, the new Senate Republican majority unanimously chose Arthur H. Vandenberg (left) of Michigan Senate presiding officer; Kenneth S. Wherry (center) of Nebraska, party whip, and Wallace H. White, Jr., of Maine majority leader. Their election will be a formality when the 80th Congress convenes Jan. 3.

Naming of Republicans to committees encountered a hitch yesterday when Sen. Clyde M. Reed (R-Kan) announced he would carry his fight for the Senate Commerce committee chairmanship to the GOP membership.

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**Homeless, Tired Suicide:** Because she couldn't find a home for herself and her six-month-old daughter, Mrs. Barbara McGlynn, 19, Los Angeles, attempted suicide. Even the cheap hotel rooms in which she had been living with her husband, William McGlynn, former paratrooper, were closed to her after the baby was born. Recently they were forced to separate because of the housing problem.



## WORLD EVENTS

### MOSCOW PAPER SAYS:

# Byrnes Forgot Turkey, Iraq In Troop List

MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—The magazine *New Times* said today large numbers of American troops, airmen and port specialists are in Turkey and Iraq, and that, "according to widespread reports," the contingents will be increased in the "nearest future."

"Men in the military service of the United States in Turkey, Iraq and evidently in many other places were not included in the list" of American forces overseas that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes submitted to the United Nations, *New Times* said.

"The United States does not search for bases in Turkey because in reality it already has found them there," it said.

"It is reported since then that additional groups of American officers, including several colonels, have arrived in the country and also about 100 American military pilots.

"According to information which is available in many Turkish ports and especially on the Mediterranean, the coastline is completely served and directed by American specialists," *NEW TIMES* said.

"In the (Dardanelles) zone straits there are also a considerable number of persons in the service of the United States Army. But American military men had not settled only

in Turkey. Recently, a group of American officers and soldiers arrived in Iraq.

"In connection with this, the viewpoint has spread in the Near East that in the nearest future not a decrease, but on the contrary, an increase in the number of American military contingents and specialists should be expected in this region."

## France Cuts Prices 5%

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Prices on all industrial, commercial and agricultural products will be cut five percent tomorrow. Another five percent cut will follow in 60 days, interim Premier Leon Blum announced in a New Year's Eve broadcast.

Leon Jouhaux, secretary of the General Labor Confederation, said labor will reduce its demand for a 30 percent wage increase in proportion to decreases in cost of living brought about by the government.

# Labor Gov't Takes Over Britain's Coal Mines

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The new flag of the National Coal Board fluttered over 1,500 pitheads today as the government took over ownership of Britain's entire coal mining industry.

Transfer of the mines, formerly the property of 300 private companies, to public ownership came at 1 p.m. (8 a.m. EST) when the blue flags, bearing white initials "NCB," were raised over pits throughout Britain.

Earlier today, a new board of directors nominated by the government took charge of the British empire communication firm, Cable & Wireless, Ltd.

In London, the chairman of the coal board, Lord Hyndley, hoisted the new flag above Lansdowne House, board headquarters, before a large gathering, and top government officials attended a simple ceremony in the minister's room at the Ministry of Fuel and Power. Attending the latter function were Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, Fuel and Power Minister Emanuel Shinwell, Lord President of the Council Herbert Morrison, President of the Board of Trade Sir Stafford Cripps, and other cabinet members.

Nationalization of the mines came at a time when British industries and railroads are threatened with reduced coal allocations because of the drop in production.

By taking over the mines, Lord Hyndley said, the coal board would become the employers of 69,000 mine workers employed in 1,500 collieries and 400 other small mines and plants.

## Indo-Chinese Fight Spreads To Cambodia

PARIS, Jan. 1.—(UP).—The first French Army reinforcements have arrived in Indo-China, the French Press Agency said tonight, as news came of a serious clash between French troops and rebels in Cambodia in the south.

Fighting in the north, the center of the Viet Nam revolt, continued unabated, and the Paris newspaper *France Soir* said guerrillas had attacked numerous French outposts in Cochinchina in the far south.

The clash in Cambodia was reported in a delayed dispatch from Battambang. It took place several days ago when 2,000 to 3,000 Issarak rebels attacked a force of 300 French and loyal Cambodian troops. The French and Cambodian troops held off the attack and then, moving to the offensive, subdued the rebels, the dispatch said.

In the north, it was indicated that the main activity against Hanoi was that of the rebel artillery, which was hammering the center of the city around the governor's palace.

Gen. Jacques Le Clerc, tank and open warfare expert, has arrived at Hanoi.



**Atomic Debate:** As Bernard Baruch (right) listens intently, Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko is explaining the Soviet position on the Baruch plan to the UN Atomic Energy Commission. Gromyko protested the U. S. motion bypassed the United Nations, eliminates the veto, and fails to call for the outlawing and destruction of atom bomb stockpiles. When he finished, Baruch moved adoption of his plan. The vote was 10 to 0, with Russia and Poland abstaining. The plan now goes before the UN Security Council.

# British Threaten More Drastic Military Rule in Palestine

British authorities in Palestine yesterday threatened to impose "martial law"—presumably an even more drastic dictatorship than now prevails — "if conditions became worse." Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, British High Commissioner, flew to London for urgent talks, and United Press reported from Jerusalem that the situation in the Holy Land was becoming more tense by the hour.

British airborne troops arrested 50 men in a sudden early morning search of the Yemenite slum area of Tel Aviv and a military court in Jerusalem sentenced to death an agent of the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground organization.

Confirmation and execution of the sentence would be likely to result in retaliation, observers said.

At 5 a.m. soldiers of the Sixth Airborne Division, the "Red Devils," swept into Tel Aviv. Police cars proclaimed through loud speakers a curfew in the Yemenite quarter, called the Yemenite Vineyard.

### NO FLOGGERS CAUGHT

"Reliable informants" told UP that no members of the "Black Squad," believed to have been responsible for the flogging of four British soldiers, were caught in the net.

Apparently perfectly drilled for the operation, the troops swiftly sealed off the entire quarter.

House by house, detachments of troops herded occupants in one room while they searched other rooms for hidden men.

Suspected men were taken to screening posts and required to prove their identity. Those whose stories failed to satisfy were sent to brigade headquarters for further screening. About one in every 10 was put through the second screen. The search continued until dusk in the "Vineyard."

"I have no idea what is going on," Tel Aviv's Mayor, Israel Rokah, said during the search. "It looks like partial action against the Yemenite section. I was not consulted or asked for cooperation. Things happen without notice in the New Year."

The Irgunist sentenced to death was Dov Gruner, 33, charged with complicity in an attack on a police station at Ramat Gan, three miles north of Tel Aviv, last April 23. An Arab policeman and two attackers were killed.

# Peron's UN Delegate Blurts State Dep't Tie

By Rodolfo Ghioldi

BUENOS AIRES (By Mail).—Ambassador Jose Arce, head of the Argentine delegation to the United Nations, told a press conference here that, in fighting the "veto" system adopted by the San Francisco conference, and in defending the Franco dictatorship of Spain from UN action, he had worked in "close

harmony" with the U. S. State Department.

Foreign Minister Brumaglia, who attended the press conference, hastily contradicted Arce, declaring the Peron government "is tied to no other nation on earth, however powerful it may be."

Ambassador Arce belongs to that group which is courting the support of the reactionary Republicans in the United States, and of rightists in the State Department. Some of the fascists ("nationalists") support this position, pretending to be anti-imperialists, they have in recent months shown they want to work with American imperialism.

On the other hand, some "nationalists" groups, headed by Admiral Scasso tend toward tying up to the British imperialists.

In general, the nationalists support U. S. Ambassador Messersmith, whom they believe represents the line of Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich) and Connally (D-Tex), and oppose the policies of Assistant Secretary of State Braden, foe of Peron in the State Department.

## Messersmith Meets Byrnes; Talk Weather

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes talked for 30 minutes yesterday with Ambassador to Argentina George S. Messersmith in Washington.

After the conference, Messersmith told reporters that he had discussed the general Latin American situation with the Secretary; that policy toward Argentina had not entered the conversation; that Argentina naturally had been mentioned but only because she was one of the most important Latin American countries.

### Win Pay Raise

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Yellow Cab drivers, who operate half of San Francisco's taxis, walked out at midnight last night. They reached a compromise with the company today for a wage increase and agreed to call off the strike, effective at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

### Brazil Communists Raise \$500,000

The Communist Party of Brazil has raised more than 10,000,000 cruzeiros (\$500,000) for the purchase of a printing plant for its daily newspaper, *The Working Class*, it was reported here yesterday.

## He Feels Just Awful

By Alan Max

Governor Dewey feels bad about the coming depression—almost as bad as he feels about a program to protect the people from it.



## LABOR and the NATION

# Probers Find Bilbo Guilty

## Miss. Racist Threatens Filibuster

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The Senate War Investigating Committee declared tonight Sen. Theodore Bilbo had "improperly used his high office and had violated a federal statute for his personal gain." The Mississippi racist came back with a threat of a filibuster by his Southern colleagues if Republican senators came through on a plan to bar Bilbo when the Senate convenes Friday.

A report signed by six members of the investigating committee pegged Bilbo with numerous "improprieties" in accepting between \$57,000 and \$88,721 from war contractors he had helped. The committee made no recommendations for Senate action.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O.), announced after a special meeting of the GOP Senate policy committee that a majority of the members favored "stopping Bilbo at the door" and forcing an immediate vote on his fitness to take office.

### NOTHING FINAL

Taft said he believed there would be enough anti-Bilbo votes among the Democratic Senators to block "The Man" if the Republicans make their challenge Friday.

Taft added however, that the

policy committee would meet again tomorrow morning and no final decision would be taken until then.

"The majority lean to the view that he should be stopped at the door and not permitted to take the oath," Taft said.

Bilbo's alphabetical order would

make him second among the senators-elect to take the oath of office. And at that moment the Democrats would hold a 30 to 29 majority in the Senate, since only hold-over Senators from the last Congress and newly-elected members already sworn in would be eligible to vote.

If the Republicans challenged at that time, they would have to win at least one Democratic vote to oust Bilbo, under fire for terrorizing Negroes in Mississippi primaries last July and for the improper dealings with war contractors.

### FILIBUSTER

Bilbo told reporters he would look to his fellow Southerners in the Senate to join him in a filibuster if the GOP tried to keep him from taking the oath of office.

"When they object to my taking the oath, everything else has to stop until they vote on the matter," he said. "There will have to be a discussion. My experience for 12 years shows me that those kind of discussions are very extended—sometimes indefinite."

The Justice Department revealed last night that it has been looking into the Bilbo case "for some time" and that all phases of the matter are being investigated.

The War Investigating Committee, controlled by Democrats, summarized its findings as follows:

- There was no impropriety in Bilbo's assisting his constituents in obtaining war contracts, but it was improper for him to accept gifts, services and political contributions from these same contractors.

- Benefits to Bilbo's real estate holdings from these contractors "were an attempted subterfuge to conceal the donation of funds in payment for services rendered to them by Sen. Bilbo."

### CRIMINAL VIOLATION

- The donation and solicitation

of political contributions from government contractors while they are negotiating or performing such contracts is prohibited by federal criminal statute. The committee estimated that more than \$300,000 had been given to Bilbo by contractors for these purposes.

- It was improper for Bilbo to use the aid he had given these war contractors for the purpose "of inducing them to contribute substantial amounts to his personal charities, administered solely by him."

This referred to \$27,501.51 deposited to the account of the Juniper Grove Baptist Church, of which Bilbo had, as of Aug. 15, 1946, withdrawn all but \$1,285.38 of the funds.

### HELPED DRUG ADDICT

- While it was difficult for the committee to express an opinion on the charge that Bilbo had received \$1,000 or more for getting an addict a drug prescription, it feels obliged to call the charge to the attention of the full Senate.

- Ex-Sen. Wall Doxey of Mississippi had no knowledge that Bilbo had collected, for Doxey's 1942 Senate campaign, \$25,000 from war contractor F. T. Newton and that the committee could not determine whether all of these funds were spent in Doxey's behalf.

- Bilbo received such gifts and services as a paint job on his "Dream House Number One" at Poplarville, an artificial lake and island on which he subsequently built "Dream House Number Two," about \$500 worth of furniture for this second home, a swimming pool and a Cadillac sedan worth \$1,900, and that a war contractor had sustained a \$48,000 loss in operating Bilbo's farm properties on a four-year lease.

## A Visit with Young Survivors Of Dec. 12 Tenement Tragedy

By Louise Mitchell

Benjamin Suazo, 11, is a "door-key child" without a key and without a door. He used to wear the key to his house around his neck while his mother was out working. Now he is living at the Aberdeen Hotel, 17 W. 32 St., because he and his mother had to leave Manhattan Towers on upper Broadway, where they were sent after the Amsterdam Ave. tenement crash.

Sitting in the Aberdeen lobby at one of the writing tables, the bright-eyed, well-poised youngster summed up the situation on New Year's Day with:

"Manhattan Towers was a better hotel. This place has dirty mattresses. The Welfare Department paid Manhattan Towers \$4.50 a day for our room but it really cost \$7.50."

Another young victim of the tenement tragedy, Eustis Palatos, 10, interrupted by saying he liked the Aberdeen better because it isn't "rich stuff."

"You're crazy," Bennie fired at him. "What's wrong with nice things? You only like the poor sections."

The youngsters belong to a group of 40 homeless men, women and children who were moved to the Aberdeen because Manhattan Towers was no longer available. Promises of homes have been made to six of the families by the New York City Housing Authority.

There is a cafeteria on the premises, but Bennie said the cooking was not as good as his mother's while Eustis was sure it was better than home cooking.

"Your mother makes good French toast," Bennie reminded Eustis.

### NO SEASON FOR FEATHERS

His mother supported him and herself by making feather flowers "but this ain't the season for feathers," said Bennie.

"I used to go to school in the morning to P.S. 132 at 182d St., when my mother went to work. We both came home for lunch because she worked nearby. After school I would have a malted and go to my mother's shop and wait for her until she finished."

After he got home, he said, he "used to go trading."

### TRADING

I asked what that meant and he answered scornfully: "Trading comics, of course."

After "trading" he would have supper and play and then to bed.

Bennie admits he was scared that Dec. 12 morning when the back half of 2515 Amsterdam Ave. collapsed. He and his mother were asleep on the top story. They jumped to the windows and ran

down the fire escape in night clothes. Everything they owned was left in the apartment, except for a few clothes. The Welfare Department has given Bennie a coat, he said.

The youngster said "he never got his mother's opinion" on how she felt about the accident but "I felt even more sad. Most of the boys killed were my best friends."

With that wonderful bounce and resilience that is a child's way, Bennie quickly added he will continue to go to P.S. 132. "I'll take the subway or else I'll get left back." He has just been promoted to 6A.

### WISHING

If Bennie had a wish-bone he would wish, he said, "for a home, not an apartment, and no hotel." Eustis said he would like a bike.

Bennie interrupted, "Why don't you wish your father was out of the hospital?"

"He's coming out of the hospital anyway. Alright, I wish for both."

The kids started singing the radio jingle of the Spic and Span program and marking up the free stationery. The interview seemed to be getting in the way of their fun.

### CASEY JONES

"Oh when I grow up I want to be an engineer," said Bennie. "They work for the country. Naw. I don't want to be an actor. They show off too much."

"Go see how high the snow is," he ordered Eustis. "Maybe we'll be able to build a big snow man."

The kids were up in a flash, all the horror of that December night out of their minds.

## The Governor Waxes 'Profound'

By Max Gordon

Gov. Dewey tried awfully hard to be profound yesterday in the inaugural address opening his second term.

He succeeded in producing gibberish—with a strong Hooverite flavor.

The Governor was more or less okay when he talked about the chaos and contradictions of modern society:

"There is frustration among men almost everywhere. In Europe and Asia we see the spectacle of great nations so torn with political and ideological confusion that they cannot even establish stable governments. . . .

"Here in our own country—so much more fortunate than others—we have had present all of the essentials for great economic progress, yet we have so bungled our affairs that there is actually widespread apprehension on every hand of a possible depression. Think of it! With 140,000,000 million people eager for new cars, new homes and a multitude of goods of all kinds, with vast accu-

mulated savings available to finance both production and consumption, with the greatest productive plant and the most highly skilled workers in the world, we have been stumbling along, encumbered by industrial conflict, governmental ineptitude and general foolishness."

Being a politician, he naturally evaded the reasons for these international and national troubles. He might have noted that if great nations like China have trouble setting up a stable government, it is due to U.S. imperialist backing to the reactionary semi-feudal elements of the Kuomintang. If India is torn with strife, it is the fruit of 200 years of British imperialist rule. If the people of Poland are having difficulties, it is a result of the sabotage of the feudal pro-fascist gangs who ruled pre-war Poland and are now being supported by British and U.S. imperialism.

As for our own economic troubles, he gives the game away by the very form of his description, and by some of the things he skipped over. Sure, there are 140,000,000 people hungry for all kinds of goods, but have they the money to buy them? Sure, there is a vast accumulation of savings. But the myth they are in the

hands of the people has been exploded long ago by government figures.

In a word, Dewey has touched dynamite, considering that the troubles he describes are the result of the rotting structure of world imperialism and the workings of a capitalist economy that has outlived its usefulness and has long ago reached the stage of decay.

He was very careful not to touch the dynamite off.

How did the would-be president propose to solve these weighty problems?

"We can and must find a way to have both freedom and security," he pontificated. But how? "... we must all learn to have respect for the rights of others."

Now isn't that a profound solution to the world's ills, one worthy of a great statesman?

But perhaps our most important need, this profound philosopher informed us, is to "restore man's faith in his fellow-man" and "the individual's faith in himself."

Need a place to live? Worried about losing your job in a depression? Concerned about an atomic war? The trouble is you have no faith in yourself or your fellow-man.

The core of the Deweyan phi-

losophy, that which decides his practical activity, is contained in these sentences:

"When we seek to reach an end by limiting the freedom of one group, we undermine the freedom of every group. . . . We shall oppose every effort to advance the interests of one section of the people at the expense of another, to limit or destroy the freedom of one section for the benefit of others."

Let the vet who has to herd his family into a single bedroom at his in-laws ponder that one. Dewey is against limiting the freedom of the powerful building industry to use its resources to make a killing by setting up swank houses and big commercial enterprises—even if it means condemning that vet to live a miserable, cramped life.

I cite this one case of a thousand that could be cited to prove this one thing: that the Deweyan doctrine of preserving the "freedom" of every group is in reality the doctrine of "freedom" for those who have the economic power to continue unrestricted exploitation of the rest of the people.

This is the real, practical side of Deweyan profundity.



DEWEY



# Murray Calls on All Progressives To Join with Labor Against Reaction

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The challenge of 1947 is the formation of a democratic coalition of labor and other community groups to oppose reaction, CIO President Philip Murray said in a New Years Day address over a nation-wide Mutual hookup.

"Recently," Murray said, "I called upon the heads of other branches of organized labor to work unitedly against backward trends. Tonight I would like, in behalf of the CIO, to extend that invitation to all the organizations of the community which agree with our policies and oppose reaction."

"The formation of such a democratic coalition, to protect our basic civil rights, to improve our economic welfare, to set us squarely on the road of social progress—that is the challenge of 1947." Text of the address follows:

As we enter the first days of 1947, we must give sober, serious thought to what lies ahead for America. We stand today at a vitally important crossroad; the decisions we make in the next few weeks will determine whether this country turns downhill into another major depression.

## ALTERNATIVES

If we do so, we will drag the rest of the world down with us into confusion and despair. But preferably we must catch hold of the vision of a prosperous, peaceful world, and struggle to realize quickly the goal of a better life for all people.

To make the right decisions, we must look squarely at the facts of the present situation, and face the dangers that confront us.

Primary among these danger is the threat of economic depression. The simple facts point urgently to the necessity of our building a high level of purchasing power if we are to maintain our present prosperity. If the level of purchasing power falls, the gears of our economic machine will lack the vital lubrication to keep it running smoothly.

If we are to maintain purchasing power, we must raise wages. Reliable, outstanding economists have placed the spotlight on the dangers to our continued prosperity. Prices have risen drastically in the past few months. Each such rise cuts

into the purchasing power of the people.

## BOSSES CAN PAY

There is no question of the ability of our great corporations to pay increased wages and re-fill the reservoir of our purchasing power. Corporation profits in the last three months of this year just ended are estimated to be three times higher, after taxes, than they were in 1939.

When the people do not have sufficient funds to buy the products held by the profiteers, our economic machinery stalls, our prosperity vanishes, almost overnight; all our people suffer.

That is the very danger which we are apt to face in 1947. And it is for that reason, I submit, that the time has come for cooperative, constructive examination of our problems and for the finding of new solutions. It is imperative that we do so if our democratic civilization is to endure and develop.

If the new Congress attempts to set the clock back to 1932, the prospect for 1947 can be only that of strife and turmoil at home, lack of confidence in American ideals abroad. Free labor unions, responsible and devoted to the American liberal tradition, constitute our most reliable instrument for achieving higher wages and the higher purchasing power needed to keep our prosperity at its present peak.

In promoting a land of prosperity and social stability, we shall gain the respect and admiration of other peoples in other lands. All will benefit from our wealth, our sense of social order.

## 'ONE WORLD'

We can assist our "one world" in many ways to help it overcome the scars of war and conflict. A progressive, intelligent policy to spur foreign trade; a willingness to help our allies economically and a policy of humanitarianism free from politics; a recognition of the fact that democratic people have the right to choose their forms of government; solid support for the United Nations—all these will win the genuine support for our flag and our ideals in every section of the globe.

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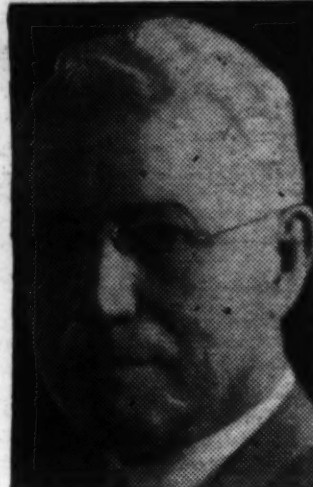
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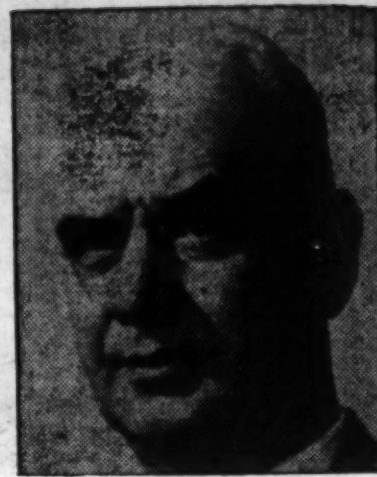
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Calls for High Wages

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## GREEN URGES SPEEDUP, VOWS JOBS FOR ALL; WHITNEY WARNS BIG PROFITS MEAN BUST

By United Press

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, believes in speedup of labor and promised jobs for all in 1947. Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, says

we "are in the midst of a boom and a bust economic psychology" and a bust can be avoided, unemployment can be prevented, if a substantial wage is granted to American workers in 1947 without raising prices."

A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, says "depressions are not inevitable but I believe one can be expected unless mass purchasing power is restored either through price cuts or wage increases."

These labor leaders were asked by the United Press whether, in their opinion, we were entering a depression or a recession and what they believed could be done to bring labor peace and high production.

(In a New Year's Day statement, Green called for increased production and national unity—between labor and management, whom he

criticized impartially for being at odds with each other).

Green believed the need for home building will serve as a stimulus for increasing industrial activities over an extended period of time.

"Naturally," Green said, "consumers resent and resist price inflation and high prices for consumer goods which prevail."

"However, if buying power of the masses of people is maintained on a level corresponding with ability to produce, increased buying of consumer goods will in my opinion continue."

"Industrial output for 1947 justifies the belief it will stand out as a period of increasing industrial activity. I am of the opinion all who are able and willing to work will be accorded the opportunity to do so, and unemployment for 1947 will never reach significant or serious proportions."

Whitney held that "large sections

of the public are being priced out of the market and an alarming shift of national income is occurring with too large a percentage going into too few hands for idle savings and not enough going to the majority of the people to purchase essential goods and services."

"Unless the trend is reversed we face the prospect of low level production, unemployment, and lower standard of living."

"The present high level of industry operation will probably slump and moderate unemployment will follow. This will be long or short, depending on the restoration of purchasing power."

"Genuine collective bargaining is essential to industrial peace. Labor is willing and the government must insist that industry engage in bargaining and not stall till strikes are forced. Wage rises are imperative to sustain mass purchasing power which alone can guarantee high production."

"Income tax rates should be reduced for the low income section of the population."

## Jefferson School Registration Begins Today

Registration begins today for more than 5,000 adult students who are expected to enroll for evening courses at the Jefferson School of Social Science. Winter term classes begin Jan. 13.

In addition to the enrollment at the Main Building at 16th Street and Avenue of the Americas, a thousand additional students are expected to enroll at one of the five neighborhood annexes in Brooklyn and the Bronx.

The school, founded in 1944 to provide education on an adult level for working men and women, has more than doubled its enrollment in the three years since. Its curriculum of more than 125 courses emphasizes the social sciences, but gives considerable attention also to courses in psychology, music, literature, the arts, languages and creative writing.

The Science of Society: An Introduction to Marxism, one of the

basic courses in the economics group, is expected to enroll about 500 students in the 12 sections of the course offered. The course is described in the school catalog as in introduction to the scientific study of social life and development, and includes among the topics to be discussed: the materialist conception of history, the nature of capitalist society, world peace, fascism and the theory and practice of socialism.



A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Jefferson School. Left to right; David Goldway, Professor Lyman Bradley, Dr. Howard Selsam (director), Frederick V. Field, Alexander Trachtenberg and Albert Fraga.

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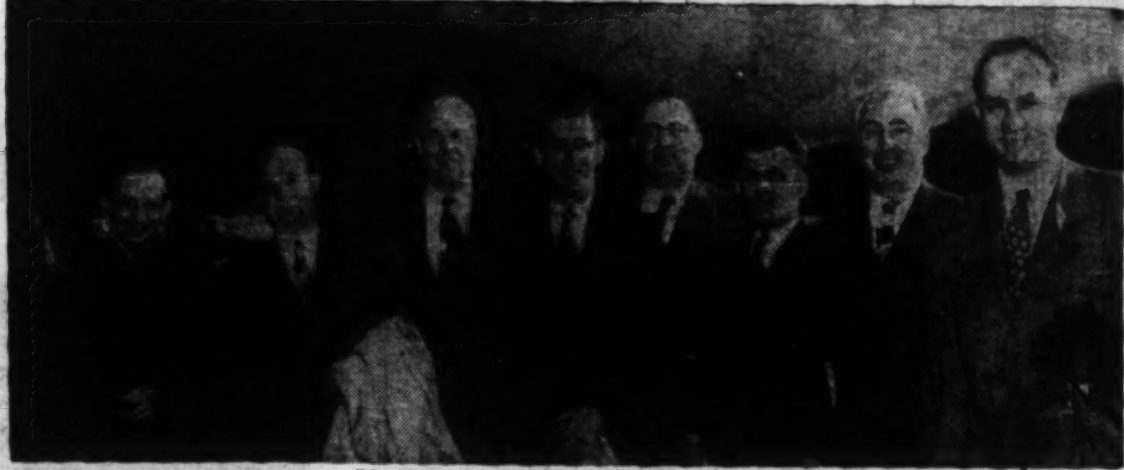
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**Back From Europe:** Members of a CIO-AFL delegation of Jewish labor leaders that returned yesterday on the Queen Elizabeth from a two-month tour of seven European countries. Shown before they left the U. S. in October are, left to right, Morris Gainer, AFL Painters Union; Leon Sanders, CIO Shoe Workers; Pietro Lucchi, CIO Fur & Leather Workers; William Levner, American Jewish Labor Council, who saw them off; Abraham Feinglass, Fur & Leather; Max Steinberg, AJLC, who saw the group off; Joseph Winogradsky and Sam Burt, both of the Fur & Leather Workers.

## JEWISH LABOR GROUP BACK FROM EUROPE

An eight-man CIO-AFL Jewish labor delegation returned to the U.S. yesterday aboard the Queen Elizabeth after a two-month visit to Jewish communities in seven European countries. One hundred thousand dollars were distributed by the delegation for the rehabilitation of Jewish life in the various countries. Six leaders of the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers, Morris Gainer of the AFL Painters Union and Leon Sanders of the CIO United Shoe Workers comprised the delegation.

The delegation was received by Polish Premier Eduard Osobka-Morawski, Yugoslav President Moshe Pijade and the Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament. Other countries visited were France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Italy. The delegates revealed that they had launched several projects and factories in some of the countries, particularly in Poland, for which they assumed the obligation to raise funds for the raw materials, machinery and other equipment. "The American Jewish Labor Council delegation further cemented the unity between the labor movements of Europe and the U. S.," the delegation declared in a statement. The members of the delegation from the Fur and Leather Union were Pietro Lucchi, Joseph Winogradsky, Abraham Feinglass, Harold Goldstein, Sam Burt and Sam Mindel. They will report on the trip to a meeting at Cooper Union on Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

## Postwar Housing a Bust to Date; Citizen Body Calls for Action

When 16 veterans and their families moved into Chelsea's hastily-opened John Lovejoy Elliott Homes on New Year's Eve, they were entering the only apartments to be built in Manhattan since the war, the Citizens Housing Council of New York pointed out yesterday. Against an official estimate of 260,000 homes needed in 1946, only 4,459 emergency units (Queens, etc.), and 2,425 permanent units, mostly one and two-family homes in Queens, have been completed.

A statement by Carl S. Stern of the CHC declared that the Truman "housing program" "will bring no real relief to the low and middle income families," but in fact "the competition for materials for the higher price housing may tend to impede progress in supplying housing already projected for such families."

Six public housing projects and four banking projects are in the works, Stern reported, and will provide only 20,000 homes when com-

pleted. "But the prospects for the citizens of modest means are actually less promising now than the hope held out to them by public officials last June," he added.

"It is heartwarming to see housing going up, but realistic officials will compare the small amount now under way or in prospect with the huge need and will recognize that the housing projected makes a minor dent upon the shortage of over 250,000 units of which it is officially estimated that two-thirds will be needed to rent for \$50 per month or less.

"It would be comforting if New Yorkers could rest upon the assurance that 'business as usual'

would supply the deficiency. But 'business as usual' has not for a generation been able to supply adequate new housing for the lower income groups and at the present time it cannot, in this city, supply housing to rent for much under \$30 a unit. Even the investment institutions with partial tax exemption, purchasing materials in the existing market, cannot meet the \$50 figure.

"On the other hand, the New York City Housing Authority estimates that it can construct housing projects without a cash subsidy in which rentals would average slightly under \$50 per unit a month, and that with a cash subsidy it can supply housing for the lower income groups at an average unit rental of \$32.

"Surmises have been indulged in that citizens with lower incomes will ultimately find homes in the dwellings vacated by those who will occupy the newer high-cost housing which will follow the removal of federal restrictions.

"This is at best a dubious speculation. So long as the shortage exists, there is every reason to believe that dwellings when vacated will be snapped up by those able to pay the higher rentals. Certainly no responsible housing policy can rest on the possibility that some time in the future housing may thus be supplied for those of lower incomes."

The CHC urged the support of all groups behind a program calling for:

- Passage of the federal Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill.
- Retention of rent controls on existing housing, the continuation of effective allocation of materials and the control of non-residential construction.

- The granting of \$500,000,000 from the states reserve funds for housing subsidies.

- The city to guarantee the bonds of the Housing Authority and furnish subsidies where necessary—thus enabling the Authority to supply housing for the lower income families.

## Victim Fights For Life in 'Camera' Case

By John Meldon

'Camera'-toting Pearl Lusk, who shot Miss Olga Trapani, in a crowded Times Square subway New Year's Eve with a sawed-off shotgun, was being held yesterday in "confidential custody" as her victim lay near death.

The 19-year-old Miss Lusk tearfully told police that she had no idea that the gaily-wrapped package she carried to "snap" Miss Trapani was anything but a concealed X-ray camera. She declared that she had been hired to take "pictures" of Miss Trapani by a man named Allan LaRue, who said he was an investigator for an insurance company hot on the trail of stolen diamonds. The instigator of the shooting turned out to be Miss Trapani's estranged husband, Al Rocco. The trigger-woman said "LaRue" told her Miss Trapani had the diamonds concealed on her person—hence the necessity for a picture as "evidence."

### VICTIM CRITICAL

Officials at the Roosevelt Hospital yesterday said that the victim's condition remained critical and repeated an earlier prediction that if she lived from a deep hip wound an amputation of one leg might be necessary.

A call to Dr. Madison Brown, assistant director of the Roosevelt, brought the vague comment that the hospital was giving only a minimum of reports on the victim's condition—probably because of instructions from the DA's office.

It could not be learned where Assistant District Attorney Grumet was holding Miss Lusk. Prior to her "confidential custody" Miss Lusk had been detained at the 30th St. station in Manhattan. Police officers there said she had been taken away late New Year's Eve by the District Attorney for private questioning.

### PICKED UP

Miss Lusk told police she was "picked up" three weeks ago by Alfreco Rocco (the mysterious Allen La Rue) whose marriage to Miss Trapani was annulled last month.

The elusive Rocco was apparently a meticulous plotter. On several occasions, Miss Lusk told police, he had her "practice" with the gaily wrapped package, pulling the trigger and clicking the "shutters" on the "camera" inside the box. Once

Police yesterday afternoon were investigating what seemed to be a suicide at West Brighton when they picked up an overcoat and several other items of a man's apparel on the beach. Rumors immediately spread that Rocco was believed to be the man who waded out into the freezing surf. Later, however, West Brighton police said that, as far as they knew, the owner of the discarded clothes was not the hunted instigator of the camera-shot gun plot.

a few days before the actual shooting, he had the adventure-seeking Miss Lusk actually fire an unloaded camera—or sawed-off shotgun—at Miss Trapani while Miss Lusk was stalking her. Later he told her the film had been faulty. He ordered her to perform her task once again. That led to the near fatal shotgun blast on New Year's Eve.

Miss Lusk said "LaRue" had promised her a worthwhile fee for her job. She admitted, moreover, that she had considered the possibility of becoming engaged and married later to Rocco.

"He was such a nice gentleman. I wanted to help him," she told police.

Miss Lusk said her last job in New York, since coming from Philadelphia, was in one of the city's big department stores. She admitted to having had several dates with Rocco after first meeting him at 14 St. near Union Square in a subway.

Earlier press accounts of the shooting incident pointed to the possibility that Rocco had only wanted to wound his ex-wife. The newspapers said that Rocco had told Miss Lusk to aim the lethal camera at Miss Trapani's legs because he believed she had concealed the allegedly stolen gems in her stockings. Yesterday, however, Miss Lusk said he had told her to aim the camera at Miss Trapani's belt.

Miss Lusk felled the victim by a serious wound in the hip, midway between the belt line and the legs. At present Miss Lusk is not being held under any specific charge.

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## Change the World

### Movie-Radio Pathology Is Another Fascist Attack on Our Democracy

By Mike Gold

"I'LL BREAK EVERY BONE in your body!" yells this cowboy in the gray dawn. "Scram, Fat Stuff! Wild Bill has come to town! Reach for the sky! Stick 'em up, or I'll give yuh a dose of lead poisoning! Hah, hah, hah, wheee!"

"So yuh won't talk, eh? Who do yuh think yuh are, Robespierre? Where I come from men are men! High-tail it outa here! Quit pushin', quit your shovin', or I'll break ever-a-ee bone in your bod-ee! Ho-ho-grumm! Ack-ack-ack-ack!!!"



And so forth. Sorry I can't remember all of it, the funny parts and the sad. But it's a sample of the six-year-old in my house as he talks to his gray cat Mimi early on a winter morning.

The cat has jumped on the bed to purr and to rub his soft flank against the cheek of his boy-friend.

The cat is a realist. He is trying to say it is nice to have friends and that breakfast is also very, very nice. How about some chow, Pal?

But the boy is a romantic. Food is vulgar stuff and fails to interest him. He is stuffed with radio and movie melodrama. Life! Life! He wants raw, hot, quivering life!

He has listened to so many radio thrillers, screamers, weepers and howlers, and seen so many rootin'-tootin' movies that anything else now seems flat and ordinary.

**THERE ARE NIGHTS** when our kids just can't fall asleep—they are so full of the radio heebie-jeebies and jitters.

I smashed one radio in righteous rage with the miserable, nerve-destroying programs that the kids are now fed.

Unfortunately, I myself still like to listen to the news occasionally and to any good music. Before we know it the radio has been fixed again and the kids are back at their vice. What's to be done about it all?

I may be degenerating into an old fog, and am ready to admit it. I am ready to admit also the generation of my father and mother believed that my own generation was being corrupted and spoiled, by dime novels, baseball and boxing fanaticism, and other modernisms.

History may be repeating itself. Just the same, I know, and any good psychologist will confirm it, that American children today are being over-stimulated. Some of them actually are being

shell-shocked by the disgusting movie and radio fare served them by business racketeers who hope to sell lousy merchandise by such sensationalism.

Whatever ivory-tower esthetes may believe in their subjective theorizing, the fact remains that in a healthy democratic society there can never be such degenerate culture as one finds expressed today in the capitalist radio and movies.

**"FREE ENTERPRISE"** is another name for the freedom of slaveowners to enslave freely, and for the freedom of commercial exploiters freely to profiteer, racketeer and degrade.

It is under the reign of Big Business that today's movies and radio are crowded with the shockers and screamers, these tales of insane doctors and sadistic scientists, these blood-chilling yarns of monster-men, female vampires and were-wolves—all the phony psycho-analysis and psychopathological stuff now in fashion.

It is really getting to be pretty awful, as any parent can affirm.

The ruthless manner in which almost every liberal radio commentator has been recently fired by the Big Business monopolists is another side of the same problem.

Sadism, pathology and the like are an important element in fascist culture, of course. Fascists fear human reason. They need mental darkness and superstition as their most favorable atmosphere.

By the same token, the Big Business fascist ring has been getting rid of dangerous truth-tellers like Raymond Gram Swing, Johannes Steel, Lisa Sergio, William S. Gailmor, Cecil Brown, John Vandercook, and the others.

Not in one melodramatic coup does fascism conquer a land, but bit by little bit the foundations of democracy are nibbled away.

Radio and movies are main educational means today for teaching and forming the minds of people.

America's soul is in danger from the teachers of evil, the big business gangsters.

Tune in on any radio screamer or shocker and find out. And then agitate your trade union or fraternal lodge, your church or club, about it. Even if you can drive one fascist Upton Close off the air, or end the reign of one sadistic story hour, you will have spiked a hole in the tank-treads of American Hitlerism.

## PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Sure it's a veteran's organization—we're veterans of two race riots."

## Venezuelan Revolutionary

By Joseph Starobin

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica

**THERE ARE FIVE** Machado brothers in Venezuela and their name has a certain reknown in the land. One brother became a security broker; another is today a

vice consul in Miami; a third, I believe, is a businessman of sorts in the capital.

But there were two brothers who took a different path, back in the days of the first World War. . . . Eduardo and Gustavo. They are today in the leadership of the newly-united Communist Party of Venezuela.



My story is about Gustavo, a tall, handsome man of 49, with the invariable bow-tie, set against a white shirt and dark suit that gives him an especially distinctive appearance. He is today one of the two Communist members of the Constituent Assembly, which is now writing a democratic Constitution for Venezuela.

When he was hardly 15, the young Gustavo found himself in the thick of the student movement of Caracas, back in March, 1914. A big protest took place against the dictator Gomez; Machado was arrested and spent a year behind the bars of El Rotundo.

In those days, Machado was a great sympathizer of invaded Belgium; by meetings on Belgium's behalf it was possible to portest against Gomez. There developed a major conspiracy against the dictator.

Betrayed by a turn-coat, this movement failed. Its leaders were savagely hunted down and tortured. Gustavo fled to Curacao, capital of the Dutch colony which lies athwart today's oil centers in western Venezuela.

**FROM HERE**, he made his way to the United States, working as a clerk for several American companies.

1920—a year of great decisions all over Europe finds Gustavo in France, where he worked to complete his degree as a lawyer.

From New York again, Gustavo made his way to Havana, Cuba, in 1924, where he became friends with the great Juan Marinello, and with Julio Antonio Mella, a name which resounds in Cuba to this day. Young Mella was foully assassinated by the police of the Cuban dictator Machado in 1929.

Here Gustavo taught in the people's university, "Jose Marti." It was here that the Venezuelan exiles formed the Communist Party of their country, and took the lead in founding an Anti-Imperialist League. But the dictator caught up with the exiles, and again they fled—this time to the Soviet Union.

**HERE GUSTAVO'S** developing Socialist convictions were confirmed and consolidated. When he left the Soviet Union after two years for Mexico, Marxism had entrenched itself in his being on the foundation of these previous revolutionary experiences. In 1927, he was a delegate to the Anti-Imperialist congress in Brussels.

Then comes one of the most fascinating phases of this story. From Mexico, Gustavo made his way to Nicaragua and took part in Augusto Cesar Sandino's famous defense of his land against U. S. Marines.

Gustavo, the Venezuelan, fought as an aide to Sandino, the Nicaraguan, for four months in the mountains of that small country. Inspired by this immense battle, Machado undertook one of the most fantastic revolutionary expeditions of our time—the assault of Curacao, in June, 1929.

**A BAND OF VENEZUELAN** S overpowered the authorities of this Dutch city, literally with machettes (those staunch knives that cut the sugar cane) and seized a ship in the harbor on the night of June 8. Thence, they made on the Venezuelan shore, and overpowered the local garrison. They issued a call to the people to rise up against Gomez; he replied by dispatching an army of 2,000 against them.

Obviously, the assault could not succeed; the revolutionaries fled into the countryside, and the Gomez men arrested and tortured every peasant who gave them aid. Most of the daring conspirators escaped into Columbia, and from there Gustavo fled to New York and Paris.

With Gomez' death late in 1935, Gustavo left a two years exile in Bogota, and made his way across the border, against the express orders of Gen. Lopez Contreras, who succeeded Gomez.

Of course, Machado was arrested in Caracas. But an immense popular upheaval unfolded in these last days of December, 1935, and Machado was released. It was in a great meeting of the Teatro Nacional that he electrified the people of the city with the declara-

## Press Roundup

### Zesty 'Times' Looks Toward Promised Land

**THE TIMES**, in a cautious forecast, says: "We shall not come to the Promised Land this year, but we can travel toward it with zest." But the editorial writer is careful not to reveal what this happy "Promised Land" will be like once we get there. Last year, he says, ended with "some improvement" and this gives "more positive reason for hope than we had a year ago." Strikes by labor unions are the paper's biggest worry. Looking over its editorial shoulder to the year just ended, the Times observes: "The worst did not happen. The country was not completely paralyzed by strikes and lockouts." It further suggests we are not living in "a dying civilization."

**THE HERALD TRIBUNE** insists it cannot accept either "placidity or politeness" the "procession of blunders" committed by its favorite party, the GOP. Senator Vandenberg, it says, "ranks at the top of the nation's spokesmen in the field of foreign affairs." Taft also is OK, the paper continues. But he and Vandenberg are accused of surrounding themselves with "lightweights and yes-men."

**THE MIRROR** suggests we should look forward to "a sensible New Year" instead of a "happy" and "prosperous" one. The past, this paper thinks, has been pretty well blotched up by "new rules which the great minds worked out for us." We have been "planned" into all kinds of trouble, insists the Mirror, resulting in such evils as part-time work "at higher wages." The Russians, it adds, "can kick the American flag around" and our children have been "poisoned by the vile stuff that comes out of the Kremlin." A "sensible New Year," the Mirror concludes, would be one of "transition from bunk to horse-sense" without "too much help from know-it-all philosophers who planned us into every kind of trouble."

**THE NEWS** believes a "moderately-priced year" has been six years overdue and predicts we may get it in 1947 "thanks to the millions of free Americans who voted clear-headedly last November, and have been shopping shrewdly ever since."

**PM's Max Lerner** calls for "an unexampled effort of liberals to think freshly, to discard cherished illusions, to be honest with themselves." He sees the need of "unity of all the major groups in our nation whose interests are common interests" and stresses the necessity of scientists and engineers to get into the fight along with labor unions and farm organizations so their skills will not end up in "breadlines or atomic disasters."

tion: "I am a Communist." And he explained what Communism is and isn't. No doubt many a Caraqueon that sent Gustavo to the Constituent Assembly on Oct. 28 of last year, did so in recollection of that great meeting.

Much more can be said. One can talk of oil, cite statistics, relate the unfortunate difficulties of the Venezuelan Communists, and so forth. But I think this story stands in itself—with all its romanticism, its mistakes, its heroism. For it is a recollection of a whole epoch of men who battled for their people's liberty.

## WORTH REPEATING

Discussing the Baruch atom policy the platform of the Chicago Conference of Progressives meeting last September said: "It is not enough to ask other nations to be good, with a promise that at some time, undefined, we may be good, too. This delays all prospect of agreement. It encourages an actual atomic armaments race now. Let America move generously as a good neighbor. Let it provide a living example of good will to the world. The world will, we believe, respond in the same constructive spirit of peace."



**Looking N. Y. Over:** Little Pauline Lepano (left) and Stephanie Gallego register varied emotions as they arrive, with their war bride mothers, in New York harbor on their trip from England aboard the John Ericsson.



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## War Powers

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has dropped part of the wartime powers which the national emergency made necessary. He told the press that this was his idea of cooperating with the GOP-dominated Congress.

As far as immediate practical effects are concerned, Truman's action will present tidy little tax gifts to the buyers of luxury items. It also puts a limit on government benefits to farmers, brings closer the day when GI benefits will come to an end, and also will permit those who were guilty of negligence at Pearl Harbor to evade trials after June 30.

These are the debit sides of Truman's action. But what the people lose in this respect, they ought to fight to regain by congressional action, such as demanding heavier taxes on the rich, not lower taxes for the well-heeled.

As a general principle, we are in favor of dropping all the war powers now in the hands of the President.

War powers continuing over into peace are a double-edged sword. In the hands of a progressive-minded leader, they can be of great service to the common people. With such powers the President could crack through the sit-down strike of the housing builders and mortgage-financing banks and insurance companies. He could curb the profiteers, and ease the nation back to peacetime life with a minimum of suffering for the common man.

But, as the country has seen, President Truman did not see fit to use his wartime powers for the public welfare. Instead, he used them to protect the railroad and mine owners against the just demands of the railroad and mine workers.

If this "be-kind-to-the-rich" attitude is President Truman's idea of using his war powers, the sooner we get rid of them the better.

The problems which will arise with the ditching of the war emergency powers will have to be met by the American people in some other way—by the organization of economic and political movements to compel Congress and the White House to protect their welfare. The need for war powers died when FDR died.

## 'Anti-American?' Says Who?

ONE of the latest journalistic gadgets is "scare" reporting to show that "Communist influence is spreading anti-American propaganda" in such places as China and Latin America.

The New York Times is currently featuring such articles.

But what is "anti-American propaganda" anyway? Here at home, the NAM considers the CIO Nathan Report, showing the huge profits of industry, as "anti-American propaganda."

The Rankin Committee considers that belief in Government housing programs constitutes "anti-American propaganda."

In Latin America, we find that the so-called "anti-American propaganda" consists of protests by the Latin Americans against Dollar Diplomacy down there.

It seems that Latin Americans, including Latin American Communists, are not enthusiastic about U. S. military or economic domination of their countries. They don't like the scheme to mesh their national defense with the War Department in Washington.

In short, Latin American patriotism is viewed as "anti-American" by certain journalists sent out to "do a job" of scare propaganda in favor of Wall Street invasion of Latin America.

Similarly, in China. Any Chinese who figures that China ought to be for the Chinese turns out to be "anti-American."

The truth is that these so-called "anti-Americans" are America's best friends, standing up for democracy and independence at home, and for the Good Neighbor policy. Let's not confuse Dollar Diplomacy with America.

## Lynchers' Choice



## Letters From Our Readers

### Briton Takes Us To Task

Fife, Scotland.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished reading my first American Daily Worker and while I am impressed by most of the articles in it (the issue of Oct. 26, 1946), I was rather dismayed to read the latter part of your editorial in which you write of "Britain's welcoming of the fascist troops of General Anders."

It may be that in other issues of your paper you have shown the differences between a very large section of the British people and our Labor government. But I do think that it is very important to point out in your paper that a large number of the British people disagree with a reactionary policy such as this.

The fact that 2,416,000 votes were recorded against the Trades Union Congress' General Council Report accepting jobs for Polish troops "except known fascists" is striking evidence to confirm the hatred of the people against these troops, but it is not only in the T.U.C. that this feeling has been expressed.

Workers have gone out on strike where these Poles were given employment. But to really feel the depth of this contempt and hatred for such troops, one has only to speak to the average mother whose son is still overseas or to the returned soldier who, after spending years fighting fascism, sees those same fascists strutting down our streets or to the average worker who sees his mates on the dole while these Poles seek special opportunities to fit themselves for civilian life.

W. H.

### The Worker Is Tops

St. Louis, Mo.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Dec. 29 issue of The Worker is tops. The timely New Year's cartoon on the front page, the Economic Line-up for 1937 by Howard, the discussion of the miners' problems, and the editorials distinguished the paper as a Communist publication.

ARLEY WOODROW.

## THE MIDDLE EAST BLOC

By Nicolas Chaoui

BEIRUT, Lebanon  
THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT of the Turkish Foreign Minister, to a Syrian paper that Turkey intended to sign treaties with Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and Palestine similar to her recent treaty with Iraq marks another development of the formation of Middle East bloc under British hegemony.

British ruling circles have for some time envisaged the formation of such a bloc. In September, 1945, during the conference of British Ambassadors and Ministers from the Near and Middle East, held in London, the plan was worked out to thwart the growing national liberation movements of Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Syria and Lebanon and to form a bloc directed against the Soviet Union.

The plan was to link the Arab League with the signatories of the prewar Saadabad Pact. But since two of the Saadabad signatories, Iran and Afghanistan, refused to participate in a new bloc, there remained only Turkey. For a long time, Turkey has shown no sympathy for the Arabs, having for long been their direct oppressor, and having taken Alexandretta from Syria in 1938.

Therefore, it was necessary to bring about a reconciliation. The task was entrusted to Nuri Es-Said, now Prime Minister of Iraq, who has frequently executed British imperialist missions. As a result of his activities a treaty was signed between Iraq and Turkey.

FOLLOWING the meeting in Egypt of the kings and presidents of Arab countries, an official Lebanese delegation went to Ankara. Later King Farouk of Egypt took a holiday in Turkish waters. During these moves, Turkey did not remain inactive. Her aerodromes and strategic bases were put at British disposal, and, following the development of her anti-Soviet policy, she put pressure on Egyptian military leaders to accept British proposals to retain military control in Egypt.

At the same time, during the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, the desire was openly expressed to enlarge the British proposed joint defense council to include repre-

sentatives of Syria and Lebanon. Thus Randolph Churchill declared at a press conference in Cairo Sept. 13: "It is only possible to defend the Suez Canal if Syria and Lebanon participate in that defense." On which the Egyptian paper, *Wafd Saut el Oumma* declared: "The British have only helped to chase the French from Syria and Lebanon in order to replace them."

It therefore appears Turkey, a devoted and active instrument of British reaction, is now called upon to take the lead in a coalition under British leadership; and that Syria, aided by the presence on her territory of British colonels and generals now busy about affairs of "commerce," but nevertheless very active in "political" affairs, is to come once again under Turkish domination.

OPPOSITION of the people of Lebanon and Syria to the schemes of Turkey for an eastern bloc and a greater Syria under King Abdullah, forced the dissolution of the cabinet of the Parliament of Lebanon the first week in December. President Beshara El Khoury called upon Riad Es Sulh to form the new cabinet.

Turkish authorities are trying to use the threat of an attack from the north from Russia as a reason for demanding the eastern military bloc and are trying to attack the public opinion of Syria and Lebanon which is standing united against such British imperialist maneuvers, seeking every way possible to divide Syria from Lebanon and thus succeed in their purposes.

It is evident all these moves are entirely opposed to the interests of Arab peoples. In particular the peoples of Syria and Lebanon who have fought so hard for their independence and won their national liberty as Republics will continue to stand together in its defense and unity for the peace and development of the Arab world.



# Check Big Shots Behind Columbians

By George Leonard

ATLANTA, Georgia, Jan. 1.—Fearing sabotage by the police in the investigating and exposing of the Columbians, Dan Duke, Assistant Attorney General in charge of revoking the charter of the Columbians, called in outside help in the form of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and its investigators.

"There are some people behind the Columbians. That's the whole thing. Neurotic Loomis and young Burke, the two-front-men of the Columbians who were cursing Negroes and Jews and advocating violence against them, thought they were building a racket—the hate-racket. The men behind them are the ones who should be prosecuted," Duke told me at his office.

"While investigating, start in the Police Department," Duke told Mayor William B. Hartsfield, Solicitor-General E. E. Andrews and Chief of Police Hornsby. "Then you'll have a real investigation. How about Sam Roper, former head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, head of Klaver 297 of the Ku Klux Klan located in Oakland City, Georgia. How about investigating him?"

Although no official membership of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta is available, it is generally agreed that 90 percent of the Police Department are members of the Klan; in addition, 70 percent of all government officials. The American Legion of Atlanta is Klan-controlled and has done nothing to condemn the Columbians although other veteran groups such as the Disabled War Veterans, American Veterans Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine League's Corps and the Jewish War Veterans have officially done so.

"Loomis and Burke were the decoys of others who wanted to know whether it was necessary to work underground or openly. The Columbians came into existence at the same time as the drive for membership in the South by the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)," Duke stated. "I do know that Loomis and Burke appealed to mill

owners for funds. The Ku Klux Klan has a history of always starting drives for memberships when big labor organizations come in to organize the South. So it was in 1933 and so it is today."

The records show that in 1937 the KKK put on a drive which led the Klan to build up its largest membership in more than 15 years. At that time the Klan included murder in its attempt to stop the efforts of the CIO's Steel Workers Organizing Committee and the CIO's Textile Workers Organizing Committee.

Duke sold newspapers at the age of 10, bought his own clothes, worked his way through school and graduated from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta with first honors in his class. He is the oldest of five children.

At the age of 25, he was Assistant Solicitor General of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit in charge of prosecuting young boys from the slum areas of Atlanta for murder and for fraud. Duke told me with his persuasive seriousness, "With the economic condition of my family, if I had been raised in Atlanta, I would have lived in the slum area. With my energy and spirit of defiance, I might have been a gang leader and been guilty of crimes similar in nature to the ones I was called upon to prosecute. We simply have to get rid of the slum areas in the cities and give the youngsters living there a chance to use their energies constructively."

Duke has definite views on the reasons why people can become Columbian-minded and Ku Klux-minded. "The KKK flourishes in the cities," Duke continued, "among people from the slum areas and from the farms. These people have no security. There is no community center. They can't understand that the city life is synthetic. Those from the country find even the pavement between them and the soil. The country folk are usually stiff-backed folks, clean, honest, scrupulous. But they all want something to hold on to—like a rock in the water. Along comes the fellow from the KKK or Columbians and gives them something to think about—blames the Jews for the city conditions."

"The city must learn to use these men's energies like a great force, or else this country will be breaking down. The Klan is now moving in and using this force. I don't condemn or hate these people. Except for people like Loomis and Burke and the KKK and the ones behind them," Duke concluded.

There is evidence to show that real estate interests in the marginal areas where Negro and white met were interested in Loomis and the Columbians. One of the early supporters of Loomis, financially and otherwise, was Mrs. Elton Chap-

man. Her husband is a real estate operator. I have a communication signed by her which shows the viewpoint of some of the Columbian followers. It reads, in part: "Gov. Arnall did swallow the New Deal, hook, line and sinker, but he is not the whole South! The South has some creative thinkers, even some Republicans and 'Right-Arm-to-Democracy' Democrats and we are going to do the whipping and lead the nation! . . ."

Reelected as president of the Atlanta Real Estate Board on Dec. 18, 1946, was Edward M. Chapman. There are just a few Chapmans in Atlanta. As yet I have not been able to establish the relationship between the two Atlanta Chapman real estate operators.



A Puerto Rican worker, lured to this country by talk of high pay, feeds the stove in a freezing box car. There is no insulation on the wooden wall near the stove.

## Bare Vile Treatment for Victims Of Airborne 1947 Slave Traffic

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Workers imported here from Puerto Rico are living under conditions of near-slavery, an independent investigation here revealed. Part of a revived modern slave trade, disclosed in The Worker on Dec. 15, some 360 men and women have been transported here from Puerto Rico by airplane as a source of cheap labor.

Engineer and brains behind this modern version of slave traffic of olden days is an alleged respectable Chicago employment agency, Castle, Barton & Associates.

Proudly announced originally as a "service" by Castle, Barton & Associates to its wealthy clients in need of domestic workers, the importation of Puerto Ricans has since been revealed as a profitable venture whereby factory workers, as well as domestic workers, are provided to employers at low wages.

**OKAYED BY GOVT**  
To top it off, all arrangements for transportation and rates of pay have been made with the approval of authorities at Washington and Puerto Rico, according to agency officials.

The opportunity to secure domestic workers at \$60 a month "should cheer the hearts of those now forced to pay from \$100 to \$200 a month for maids," the Chicago Times reported agency officials as saying when the first plane-load of Puerto Rican girls arrived here last September.

Also reported then by the Chicago Times was a reassurance to prospective employers by agency and airline officials that "there is little risk of their running out in a strange country, particularly since they will come here with practically no money."

### MIAMI BRANCH

Viewing new fields for their lucrative trade, Castle, Barton & Associates have opened an office at Miami, Fla., according to the New York Spanish newspaper La Prensa, through which they will import Negro Puerto Ricans to be placed as domestic servants in Southern states, thereby introducing a color bar among Puerto Ricans which does not now exist.

Thus far, approximately 300 girls have been contracted as domestic servants here, while 60 male Puerto Ricans have been hired out as common laborers to the Chicago Hardware Foundry Co. at North Chicago.

Reporting on conditions of the factory workers, a group of Puerto Rican students at the University of Chicago, led by Miss Muna Munoz, daughter of the Puerto Rican Popular Democratic Party head Luis Munoz, disclosed they are living in four old wooden railroad cars,

standing on company property. The coaches "are heated by coal stoves which are placed within six inches of uninsulated wooden walls. The stoves are totally inadequate to heat the cars," their report states.

### LACK WINTER GARB

"Most of the men lack warm clothing. Two lightweight blankets are furnished to each man."

Wooden double-deckers bunks have been built in the cars, each having a flat spring, a thin mattress pad and calico mattress cover.

No showers have been installed, the entire group of men relying on three small sinks for bathing and washing facilities.

Elaborating further, the students report that "when the men first arrived, their food consisted of cornflakes and milk for breakfast, soup and three slices of bread for lunch, and soup and three slices of bread for dinner. A one-day strike against the food resulted in some improvement."

On wages, the report states that "The foundry workers receive 88½ cents per hour, with time and a half for overtime over 40 hours a week, which is the rate established for common labor by a contract between the Chicago Hardware Foundry Co. and the United Steelworkers of America, CIO.

### BALANCE: \$6.25

"A standard paycheck would be as follows: Gross pay for 40 hours, \$35.40. Deductions: Social Security, \$.35; transportation fee and Castle, Barton fee, \$.50; payments towards return trip, \$2.00; board, \$9.45; lodging, \$3.50; payments to the worker's family in Puerto Rico, \$8.85 (25 per cent of wages); Balance, \$6.25.

"From this \$6.25 is deducted the withholding tax and payments for clothes bought from the company. Many workers have received less than \$1.00 in cash for a week's work."

Conditions of work of the domestic workers also reveal a picture of low wages, long hours, insufficient time off, transfer from one employer to another at the will of the agency, and over-taxing work.

"After I came," one of the girls told a reporter, "she (the employer) dismissed the laundry maid. Then she dismissed the nurse. I have to do the work for everybody."

### PROBE SOUGHT

"There is no limitation in the con-

tract on the hours of work of the domestics. Many report that they are frequently required to work up to 15 hours a day. Although the contract provides for one day off a week, many of the girls report being allowed only five hours of free time on their day off," the student investigators declared.

According to reports from Puerto Rico, news of the treatment and conditions of the Puerto Rican workers here has touched off a swelling protest movement among the island's populace.

Spurred by the student group's report, labor circles here also joined in pressing for an investigation of the peonage status the Puerto Rican workers here have been reduced to.

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## MORNING

9:00-WNBC-Honeymoon in New York  
 WOR-Morning Variety  
 WJZ-Breakfast Club Variety  
 WJZ-News; This is New York  
 WMCA-News; Isabella Beach  
 WQXR-News; Piano Music  
 9:15-WOR-Aunt Mary-Sketch  
 WQXR-Request Program  
 9:30-WNBC-Daytime Classics  
 WOR-Food-Alfred W. McCann  
 WMCA-Music Box  
 9:45-WNBC-Nelson Olmstead, Stories  
 10:00-WNBC-Lee Sullivan's Varieties  
 WJZ-News; Henry Gladstone  
 WJZ-My True Story  
 WJZ-Hits and Misses-Quiz  
 WMCA-News; Music Box  
 WQXR-News; Charlotte Adams  
 10:15-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch  
 WOR-Bessie Beatty Program  
 10:23-WJZ-Hymns of All Churches  
 10:30-WNBC-Road of Life-Sketch  
 WJZ-Romance of Evelyn Winters  
 WQXR-Composers' Corner  
 10:45-WNBC-Joyce Jordan-Sketch  
 WJZ-The Listening Post  
 WJZ-Milton Bacon, Stories  
 11:00-WNBC-Fred Waring Show  
 WOR-News-Prescott Robinson  
 WJZ-Breakfast with Brennan  
 WJZ-Aunt Jenny's Stories  
 WMCA-News; Music Box  
 WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger  
 11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz  
 11:20-WNBC-Jack Berch Show  
 WOR-Success School  
 WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch  
 WJZ-Grand Slam, Music Quiz  
 WMCA-News Reports; Music  
 WQXR-Stringtime  
 11:45-WNBC-David Harum-Sketch  
 WJZ-William Lang Show  
 WOR-Richard Maxwell  
 WJZ-Rosemary-Sketch

## AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News  
 WOR-Nooners Club  
 WJZ-Kenny Baker Show  
 WJZ-News; Kate Smith's Chat  
 WMCA-News; Mr. and Mrs. Music  
 WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert  
 12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News  
 WOR-Morton Downey, Songs  
 WJZ-Aunt Jenny's Stories  
 12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNellis  
 WOR-News; The Answer Man  
 WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig  
 WJZ-Helen Trent  
 12:45-WNBC-Post Parade; Show Tunes  
 WJZ-Our Gal Sunday  
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride  
 WOR-Better Half Matinee  
 WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News  
 WJZ-Big Sister-Sketch  
 WMCA-News; Mr. and Mrs. Music  
 1:15-WQXR-News; Midday Symphony  
 WJZ-Powers Charm School  
 WJZ-Ms Perkins  
 1:30-WJZ-Listen Here Ladies  
 WJZ-Galen Drake  
 WJZ-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch  
 1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News  
 WOR-The Answer Man  
 WJZ-Road of Life-Sketch  
 2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch  
 WOR-Daily Dilemmas  
 WJZ-News Reports  
 WJZ-Second Mrs. Burton  
 WMCA-News; Matinee Music  
 WQXR-News; Program Favorites  
 2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch  
 WJZ-The Woman's Exchange  
 WJZ-Perry Mason Sketch  
 2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch  
 WOR-Queen for a Day  
 WJZ-Bride and Groom  
 WJZ-Lone Journey-Sketch  
 WMCA-Elton Britt, Songs  
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30  
 2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker, Guest  
 2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch  
 WJZ-Rose of My Dreams  
 WQXR-Music Memory Game  
 3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
 WOR-Martha Deane Program  
 WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated  
 WJZ-Cinderella, Inc.  
 WMCA-News; Band Parade  
 WQXR-News; Recent Releases  
 3:15-WNBC-Ms Perkins-Sketch  
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young  
 WOR-Rambling With Gambling  
 WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk  
 WJZ-Winner Take All  
 WQXR-String Orchestra  
 3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness  
 WJZ-George Barnes Octet  
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife  
 WOR-Ask Dr. Edy  
 WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show  
 WJZ-House Party  
 WMCA-News; Mr. and Mrs. Music  
 WQXR-News; Symphony Matinee  
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas  
 4:25-WNBC-News Reports  
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones  
 WOR-Uncle Don  
 WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs  
 WJZ-That's Life-J. C. Flippen  
 4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown  
 WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch  
 WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch  
 5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries  
 WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch  
 WJZ-Terry and the Pirates  
 WJZ-School of the Air  
 WMCA-News; Mr. and Mrs. Music  
 WQXR-News; Today in Music  
 5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life  
 WOR-Superman-Sketch  
 WJZ-Sky King-Sketch  
 WQXR-Latin-American Rhythm  
 5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill  
 WOR-Captain Midnight  
 WJZ-Jack Armstrong  
 WJZ-Bouquet For You  
 WMCA-Musicaland  
 WQXR-Cocktail Time  
 5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell  
 WOR-Adventure of Tom Mix  
 WJZ-Tennessee Jed  
 WMCA-Listen to a Story  
 EVENING  
 6:00-WNBC-News; Music  
 WOR-George C. Putnam, News  
 WJZ-News Reports  
 WMCA-News; Music  
 WQXR-News; Music to Remember  
 6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America  
 WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews  
 WJZ-Ethel and Albert  
 WJZ-In My Opinion  
 6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vandeventer  
 WJZ-Allen Prescott  
 WJZ-Sports-Red Barber  
 WMCA-Racing Results  
 WQXR-Dinner Concert  
 6:40-WNBC-Sports-Jack Costello  
 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas  
 WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax  
 WJZ-Lawrence and Marley  
 WJZ-Robert Trout, News  
 WMCA-Sports Resume  
 7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety  
 WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments

## EVENING

WJZ-Headline Edition  
 WJZ-Mystery of the Week  
 WMCA-News; Music  
 WQXR-News; Celebrity Hall  
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World  
 WOR-The Answer Man  
 WJZ-Raymond Swing, News  
 WJZ-Jack Smith Show  
 WMCA-The Stars Come Back  
 7:30-WNBC-Grand Marquee-Play  
 WOR-Arthur Hale  
 WJZ-Professor Quiz  
 WJZ-Mr. Keen-Play  
 WMCA-Raymond Walsh, Comments  
 WQXR-Record Rarities  
 7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt  
 WMCA-Fashions in Melody  
 8:00-WNBC-The Aldrich Family  
 WOR-Sound-Off  
 WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner  
 WJZ-Suspense-Play  
 WMCA-News; UN Records  
 WQXR-News; Symphony Hall  
 8:15-WJZ-Erwin D. Canham, News  
 WMCA-Don Goddard, News  
 8:30-WNBC-Burns and Allen, Comedy  
 WOR-Count of Monte Cristo  
 WJZ-Town Meeting  
 WJZ-FBI in Peace and War  
 WMCA-Recorded Music  
 8:55-WNBC-Bill Henry, News  
 9:00-WNBC-Music Hall  
 WOR-Gabriel Heatter

WJZ-Dick Haynes Show  
 WMCA-Labor Administration Forum  
 WQXR-News; Concert Hall  
 9:15-WOR-Real Stories  
 9:30-WNBC-Jack Haley Show  
 WOR-Treasure Hour of Song  
 WJZ-Sammy Kaye Show  
 WJZ-Crime Photographer  
 WQXR-Author Meets the Critic  
 10:00-WNBC-Abbott and Costello, Comedy  
 WOR-Crime Club  
 WJZ-World Security Workshop  
 WJZ-Radio Readers Digest  
 WMCA-News; Footlight Revue  
 WQXR-News; Recorded Album  
 10:30-WNBC-Eddie Cantor Show  
 WOR-The Symphonette  
 WJZ-Bob Elson, Interviews  
 WJZ-Finnegan Again, Comedy  
 With Frank McHugh  
 WMCA-News; Music  
 WQXR-Just Music  
 10:45-WJZ-Earl Godwin, News  
 11:00-WNBC-News; Music  
 WOR-News; Dance Music  
 WJZ-WCBS-News; Music  
 WMCA-News; Recorded Music  
 WQXR-News; Symphonic Hour  
 11:30-WNBC-The Story of Music  
 WJZ-Juilliard School Concert  
 12:00-WNBC, WJZ-News; Music  
 WOR, WJZ, WMCA-News; Music  
 WQXR-News Reports  
 STATION WNYC  
 6:55-News Summary and Sign-on  
 7:00-Sunrise Symphony  
 7:55-News Summary  
 8:00-Official U.S. Weather Report; from  
 the Music Album

8:15-U.S. Employment Service "Help  
 Wanted Ad Column of the Air"  
 8:20-From the Music Album (RX)  
 8:25-City Consumer's Guide, Mrs.  
 Frances Foley Gannon, of the  
 Markets Dept.  
 8:30-From the Music Album (RX)  
 8:45-"Around New York Today," The  
 Day's Music and Art Highlights  
 8:55-News Summary  
 9:00-Masterwork Hour, Arthur Rodzinski  
 Birthday Program, "Symphony  
 No. 1 in C Minor" by Brahms  
 9:55-News Summary  
 10:00-"Insomnia" Dr. S. Blanton of the  
 Medical Society of the County of  
 New York  
 10:15-Board of Education Series, Let's  
 Look at the News  
 10:30-"The Spirit of the Vikings," Gladys  
 M. Peck  
 10:45-Health Dept. Nutrition News with  
 Margaret Conner  
 10:55-News Summary  
 11:00-"At Your Command," Army Re-  
 cruiting Show with Music, Lt. Lou  
 Gregory  
 11:30-B.B.C. Radio Newsreel  
 11:45-Musical Comedy Memories  
 11:55-News Summary  
 12:00-Midday Symphony, "Horn Concerto  
 in E Flat Major (K.447)" by Mozart  
 12:55-News Summary  
 1:00-Missing Persons Alarms, Official  
 U.S. Weather Report  
 1:10-City News Summary  
 1:15-Board of Education Series, "What  
 Makes History"-Quiz  
 1:35-Board of Education Series, "Amer-  
 icans to Remember"-Jane Adams

1:55-News Summary  
 2:00-Gilbert and Sullivan Matinee, "The  
 Mikado"  
 3:55-News Summary  
 4:00-Four Strings at Four, "Quartet  
 Opus 18, No. 3," by Beethoven  
 4:30-Intercollegiate Debates, New York  
 University, "Resolved: That Amer-  
 ican Troops be Withdrawn from  
 China." Affirmative: N.Y.U.  
 Negative: St. John's College.  
 Moderator: Dr. Manuel Maxwell  
 4:55-News Summary  
 5:00-Music for Young People  
 5:30-Songs at Eventide, Bob Ross, Bari-  
 tone  
 5:45-Treasury Salute (TX)  
 5:55-News Summary  
 6:00-Folksinger, Richard Dyer-Bennet  
 6:15-South American Way, Pro Bodkin  
 6:45-Official U.S. Weather Report;  
 U.S.E.S. "Help Want Ad Column  
 of the Air"  
 6:55-News Summary  
 7:00-Masterwork Hour, Arthur Rodzinski  
 Birthday Program, "Symphony  
 No. 1 in C Minor," by Brahms  
 7:55-News Summary  
 8:00-Spotlight Varieties  
 8:55-News Summary  
 9:00-Municipal Concert Hall, Record  
 Hobbyists Club, Herman Neuman,  
 Commentator; Featuring a Pro-  
 gram of New Releases including  
 "Symphony No. 5," by Prokofiev  
 9:55-News Summary  
 10:00-FM ONLY, The City Hour of Music  
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 10:55-FM ONLY, Final News and Sign-off

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## On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

### What a Difference a Coach Makes

BRUCE DRAKE, coach of the Oklahoma University basketball team which met CCNY in the Garden last night, and a native Oklahoman, was glad I asked the question.

"We don't hold with those that draw any lines. We play anyone regardless of race, color or creed. Of course, we don't have Negroes on the team in our Conference. There are no Negroes in the schools. But Oklahoma has played against Negro players.

"Why just last year we played CCNY here with a Negro player on the team and we knew he'd be back. Now if we had any kind of objections we just wouldn't have scheduled CCNY again, would we?

"Yes, the boys feel the same way about it. We have a good many veterans. One of our boys, Richard Reich, went through all the fighting on Iwo Jima and was in on Okinawa too. He has some citations but he doesn't even talk about them so I don't know exactly what they are. But I know that one day on Iwo he had to crawl to a meeting place and was pinned down with the others in a crater. A shell got everyone but him."

All but two members of the squad come from the state of Oklahoma, Drake said.

Drake played on two undefeated Oklahoma U. teams around '29, before the days of intersectional games at the Garden. Like all visiting coaches, he maintains that it's something of a hardship to adapt his teams offense to the stricter refereeing on screen plays, but...

"I think we're on the way to ironing out the main difficulties. I'd say it was much better now than four years ago. We're getting a little more uniform all the time. But it's a pity we don't have arenas like the Garden out West so the Eastern teams could return these visits."

### The 'Big Train' Salary

An item generally overlooked in the stories on the passing of Walter Johnson was the fact that the "Big Train" was the most horrendously underpaid ball player in history. The greatest pitcher in the history of the game received a top salary of \$12,000 from the Washington Club! Most of his 21 years with the Senators he got nothing close to that figure.

Johnson was signed for exactly NOTHING by the club. On his name was on the contract he was the property of the Senators for all time. It goes without saying that other clubs which would have been happy to pay Johnson a salary more commensurate with his ability made offers to the Washington club throughout the years. Clark Griffith, president of the Senators for the past 26 years, said nothing. Johnson of course couldn't negotiate for himself. Baseball contracts are like that. There is no record of Walter's publicly squawking or holding out but that doesn't alter the shockingly low salaries he received.

Johnson was a great drawing card. He had a blinding sidearm speedball, thrown with graceful effortlessness still in evidence several years ago at the Stadium when he faced Babe Ruth in a publicity stunt, albeit a nice one. The record books are studded with his exploits in strikeouts, shutouts and a dearned run averages compiled with a usually weak team behind him. Walter by the way, didn't pitch every fourth or fifth day. He often went twice in a row.

The Clark Griffith who made out Johnson's contracts and refused to sell or trade him to any other team is the same Clark Griffith who released his son in law, Joe Cronin, to the Red Sox so that Joe could "better himself" (Clark did make sure to get himself a check for \$250,000 from Tom Yawkey in this bettering process).

### Court Notes

Claire Bee of LIU predicted the Oklahoma A&M defeat of Kentucky... he felt that the possession tactics and under the basket crowding defense would throw off the Kentucky offense, which is a set of offense based on driving under and doesn't have the kind of outside shooting needed to loosen up the Aggies meeting under the basket. Jackie Goldsmith had that latter, and LIU nosed out A&M.

Dick Holub, by the way, had his wretched night against USC because he could scarcely lift his arms due to under-the-skin blood vessel ruptures of which Bee was unaware... probably due to a vitamin deficiency. Holub didn't play last night against Brigham Young.

Oregon, which surprised everyone by defeating NYU here last week, though it shouldn't have with its

personnel and unbeaten record, is still rolling along. It's latest—a 73-33 victory over Fee's, Northwest AAA champs. Oregon is now a big favorite to cop its Conference title and meet California, rated best of the Southern end, in the playoff.

Strange things on the court this year... Harvard, which doesn't even rate in its own comparatively weak Ivy League, beat Indiana in the latter's gym and the very next night put up a fine fight against Bradley Tech in Peoria before losing.

Santa Clara, conqueror of UCLA and USC and rated best Coast team by those coaches, just nipped Idaho 44-43. CCNY rolled over Idaho here in the Garden opener.

Rhody State, which meets St. Johns here Saturday night, is still a wild harum schrum club with all offense and no defense. Has scored better than 100 twice... will Boykoff's tongue be angling out...

## Old League Had Its Troubles Too, Says Crowley

That's just growin' pains you hear creaking in the year-old All-America Football Conference, according to Sleepy Jim Crowley.

"Boys, we're here to stay," said the old Fordham coach as he stepped down as Conference Commissioner to "save" the Chicago entry in one of the old National Football League's original strongholds.

If any All-America club owners needed a spine-stiffener, Crowley's action supplied it. As Commissioner through the first year of the new league's existence, Jim had a peek at the inner workings of every club in the circuit and apparently was convinced it's a sound proposition.

He now is a part-owner himself.

Crowley's decision, shortly after Miami's franchise crashed and moved to Baltimore, indicated strange things were afoot in the new A-A.

But let's take a look at the record of the old "established" National League.

1. After 25 years, the NFL reached its present club lineup in—yes, agree—1946. (When Cleveland's Rams moved to Los Angeles.)

2. A total of 33 cities, in addition to the present nine, had teams represented in the NFL at one time or another.

3. Such towns as Portsmouth, O., and Cincinnati still were in the League in 1933 when the present di-

### Our Skaters Find Cousin

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1 (UP).—The U. S. all-star amateur hockey team scored its first victory today in a European tour when it defeated the Stockholm A. I. K. squad, 6 to 2. The Americans previously had lost two games.

## 8 CCNY Student Groups Unite On Petition

Eight student organizations of City College yesterday banded together in drawing up a petition to the National Coaches Association asking for the dismissal of Everett Shelton, Wyoming University's anti-Jewish, anti-Negro basketball coach.

The petition cites Shelton's outburst at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night as his team lost to CCNY, and asks the Coaches Ass'n to take "appropriate action" leading to Shelton's dismissal as a leader of young Americans.

The eight campus organizations which drew up the petition:

CCNY Veterans Association  
Student Christian Association  
American Youth for Democracy  
Frederick Douglass Society  
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American Veterans Committee

CCNY coach Nat Holman is scheduled to report to a regular meeting of the CCNY Athletic Commission today. It is expected that official school action will then be taken, with the minimum action a rupture of all relationship with Wyoming U. until Shelton has been fired.

## 'Ring' Rates 'Em

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, champion; Tami Mauriello, Billy Conn, Elmer Ray, Bruce Woodcock, Joe Walcott, Curtis Sheppard, Joey Maxim, Joe Baksi, Lee Q. Murray, Melio Bettina, Jimmy Bivins, Phil Muscato, Lee Oma, Nathan Mann.

Light heavyweights—Qus Lesen-vich, champion; Ezzard Charles, Billy Fox, Archie Moore, Jack Chase, Billy Smith, Booker Beck-with, Freddie Mills, Lloyd Marshall, Tommy Yaross, Johnny Colan, Fitz Fitzpatrick, Dave Sands.

Middleweights—Tony Zale, champion; Jake LaMotta, Charley Bur-ley, Rocky Graziano, Marcel Cer-dan, George Abrams, Bert Lytell, Steve Belloise, Artie Levine.

Welterweights—Ray Robinson, champion; Tippy Larkin, Tommy Bell, Beau Jack, Marty Servo, Jackie Wilson, Willie Joyce, Tony Pellone, Johnny Greco, Tony Jan-iro, Jimmy Doyle.

Lightweights—(No champion recognized) Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams rated equally at top, Johnny Bratton, Wesley Mouzon, John Thomas, Enrique Bolanos, Vic Patrick, Larry Claneros, Ches-ter Rico, Allie Stolz.

## Georgia Wins Riotous Game

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1 (UP).—The Georgia Bulldogs broke loose for two breathless long-distance plays today and came from behind to win the Sugar Bowl game from North Carolina 20 to 10 in a terrific battle of flying cleats and flying fists before 73,000 wild-eyed fans.

A minor cold wave, a by-product of the northwest storm, hit New Orleans just before game time but the shivering customers warmed up with the tempers of the players—and their tempers were torrid. The two Charleys, Trippi and Justice, lived up to all their advance billings and their duel became frankly personal in the last half.

North Carolina's boys started the game running like race horses and tackling like pile-drivers. The Tar-heels kept it up throughout the game, hitting Georgia like the un-

## ROSE BOWL

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defeated, untied Bulldogs had never been hit before.

The result was a Sugar Bowl game that will long be remembered and the outcome was decided by Georgia's payoff-scoring punch from far out. Two plays, a loudly-disputed 71-yard double lateral after an interception and a 67-yard Trippi touchdown pass, beat North Carolina. Georgia added a third tally in the fourth quarter but that was an anti-climax.

North Carolina twice took the lead, on a second-period sustained drive of 30 yards for a touchdown, and on a 10-yard field goal in the third period by Bob Cox, who was a stormy character all afternoon.

Georgia couldn't tie it until well into the third period when Trippi started a play quicker than any of the 73,000 pairs of eyes could follow. He intercepted a Pupa pass on his 15, quickly lateraled to end Joe Tereshinski and Tereshinski got the ball somehow to fullback Dick Mc-Phee.

## CCNY Enters 35 In Track Meet Saturday

City College has entered a total of 35 individuals and two relays in the Grover Cleveland Athletic Club's games, Saturday night at the 7th Regiment armory.

Outstanding among the City College entries are Bob Hylton, one-time National Junior College sprint champion, and Warren Bright. Bright will start in the 300 and will be a provisional starter in the Harry Hillman Memorial 600.

The addition of City College and Seton Hall to the list of colleges with squads entered raises the collegiate entry to the greatest in the history of the Grover Cleveland games. N. Y. U. has a 74 man entry; Manhattan, 77. Squads are also entered from Fordham, Yale, Notre Dame, Columbia, Georgetown and Brooklyn.

## ORANGE BOWL

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 1 (UP).—The rugged Rice Owls put on a first-period touchdown drive today, added a quick safety and then planted themselves squarely in the path of Tennessee's hard-running backs to score an 8 to 0 Orange Bowl football victory.

A capacity crowd of 38,000 sat in brilliant sunshine to see the game at Orange Bowl Stadium.

For two and a half hours, with time out for 2,000 bandmen and pretty girls to parade at half-time, Tennessee and Rice kicked the ball back and forth, smashed almost futilely at each others heavyweight lines and saw attempts at air war fail.

The Rice touchdown came early in the first period, when Carl Russ broke through the middle of the Tennessee line, ran 24 yards to the Tennessee 26 and there lateraled to Huey Keeney, who scored without resistance. Rice had driven from its own eight, where Vol Walter Slater had put them with a long quick kick.

## BOWL SCORES

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CIGAR BOWL—Delaware 21, Rollins 7.

ORANGE BOWL—Rice 8, Tennessee 0.

GATOR BOWL—Oklahoma 34, North Carolina State 13.

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OIL BOWL—Georgia Tech. 41, St. Mary's 19.

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## Free Press for Whom?

By Samuel Sillen

A PENNY postcard to Senator Wagner brings to this desk a fascinating volume of 357 pages—free of charge—entitled *Economic Concentration and World War II*. This is a report of the Sammler War Plants Corporation to the Senate Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business.

What interests me specifically in the report—and this is the reason for the postcard—is chapter 6, dealing with Printing and Publishing.

This chapter throws some official light on the question of freedom of the press in America.

If you can get as tired as I do with all the propaganda about the wonderfully free press we have in this country, you will be interested in what the Senate Committee has to say on this question, based on facts which the free press does not feature.

"The government report says: 'It is generally agreed that free critical inquiry and the open ex-



pression of opposing points of view comprise one of the essential ingredients of a political democracy. It is therefore a matter of concern (1) that citizens in so many communities can buy only 'one' daily paper, and (2) that in some cases these single dailies present the point of view of the same newspaper chain."

Newspaper circulation has mounted steadily during the past 30 years: from 29 million in 1922 to 48 million in 1945. But the number of daily papers has declined sharply: from 2,033 in 1942 to 1,749 in 1945.

More readers and fewer papers—that adds up to one thing: concentration of economic power: monopoly.

Says the government report: "Very few communities now have more than one version of the news. Finally, news gathering is virtually monopolized by three press services, and newspaper publishers have made substantial invasions into the field of radio."

The paper chains have grown enormously. Consider these figures:

In 1933 only 63 chains, with a total of 361 papers controlled more than 37 percent of the nation's total daily circulation.

In 1940 chains controlled about two-fifths of the entire daily circulation and one-half of the Sunday circulation.

Six chains—Hearst, Patterson-McCormick, Scripps-Howard, Paul Block, Ridder, and Gannett—with 81 dailies accounted for more than 21 percent of the country's total readership.

As for the "substantial invasion" of newspapers into radio, the Senate Committee found that as of Dec. 31, 1944, 238 broadcasting stations were directly owned by newspaper publishers, who also indirectly controlled another 270 stations. Measure that total—508—against the total of 866 radio stations in the entire United States.

Even this doesn't tell the whole story, for the newspapers control an even greater proportion of the more powerful broadcasting stations.

"For example," says the report, "the newspapers either own or control 44 out of a total of 53 radio stations in the country with 50,000 watts. They own or control 155 out of 225 with 5,000 or 20,000 watts; 108 out of 162 with 1,000 or 2,500 watts; and 201 out of 446 with 200 or 500 watts."

Worse yet: "The number of radio stations controlled by pub-

lishers has continued to grow, and many newspapers are making preparations to enter into frequency modulation and television broadcasting."

A final tidbit: the report quotes an article by Earl L. Vance on "Freedom of the Press for Whom?" in the Summer 1945 Virginia Quarterly. Mr. Vance writes:

"Even small newspaper publishing is big business. Time magazine recently reported sale of the *Masillon (Ohio) Independent* (circulation, 17,858) for around \$400,000; the *Spartanburg (S.C.) Herald* (17,351) and *Journal* (8,678) for \$750,000—all smaller dailies. . . . If freedom of the press is to be had only through ownership of a newspaper, it can under present conditions, be a reality only for the well-to-do."

Reading the government report will help explode any illusions about the freedom with which people can get into the "free press" racket.

And it should help us to understand a little more vividly than I am afraid some of us do, how precious is our own Daily Worker, which keeps battling valiantly against the monopoly of newspaper and half a thousand other difficulties in this grabbed-up industry.

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## ART TODAY

## Abstract Art and Bourgeois Culture

By MARION SUMMERS

In his letter (Daily Worker, Dec. 17) registering the disagreement with my review of Ralston Crawford's Bikini paintings, Charles Humboldt has fallen, I feel, into several serious errors.

Although he begins by agreeing that my judgement of at least Crawford's art was justified, he claims to find in the article a prejudice toward abstract art which he has apparently been viewing with alarm for some time, and which has suddenly burst into flower. It is rather naive of Humboldt to consider my attitude toward abstract art a prejudice. My opposition to abstract art is one of principle. I have not, contrary to Humboldt's statement, ever equated abstract art as a whole directly with reactionary politics. But for those of us who think in terms of proletarian art, abstraction is certainly not progressive.

As a matter of fact, if we are to develop a healthy social art it must be in direct opposition to the basic ideals of abstraction—the denial of reality, the avoidance of meaning and the substitution of personal expression for social communication. Humboldt has not unveiled an unconscious weakness in my criticism, but has merely recognized the nature of its principles.

I have consistently attempted to define abstract art as an expression of bourgeois culture. Abstract art is not an accident of history nor is it the final epoch in the evolution of art. It is the logical development of one stage of capitalism, a cultural expression of the capitalist class. It was at its inception a revolt against certain aspects of bourgeois culture, but it was always a revolt within that class ideology and with all the earmarks of its class origin. Its complete individualism, its attack upon human and social values and its emasculation of art as a social force all grow out of its bourgeois ideology.

Whether or not that revolt was at the time a progressive movement within the framework of bourgeois culture does not affect the central truth that abstract art was and still is an expression

of the capitalist class. Whether artists can still benefit by the esthetic contributions of abstract art is also beside the point.

Now Humboldt rises to present us with the proposition that an artist may be class-conscious and also an abstractionist. I wonder whether he recognizes the fact that he is here propounding a duality between an artist's political beliefs and his artistic creation? Is he attempting to deny the necessary relationship between art and society? Does he really believe that artistic creation goes on in a special compartment divorced from an artist's social and political attitudes? If not, how can he see abstraction as the expression of a class-conscious artist?

It becomes, I think, obvious that Humboldt's position is again a denial of a fundamental tenet of Marxism. If art is a phase of ideology then it must necessarily reflect specific social forces. Let us remember also that every ideology has its class roots and that it expresses the needs, beliefs and aspirations of that class.

Humboldt, however, is in effect maintaining that art is really classless, that it exists apart from social compulsions, and that an artist may be class-conscious in a political sense and completely aloof from such considerations in his art. He is not only maintaining that it is possible, but he seems actually to condone this division. At least he takes me to task for casting doubt upon the legitimacy of this liaison of convenience.

When we find an artist completely immersed in the production of an art which makes not the slightest pretensions at furthering the cultural interests of the working class, we can rightfully ask what his class-consciousness consists of. Is he conscious of himself as a member of the working class or of the bourgeoisie? If he considers himself allied with the working class and at the same time produces in the accepted manner and general tradition of bourgeois art, then he is obviously confused. This is certainly not a question of styles,

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—B. C.

which Humboldt seems to think can be put on and taken off at will, but a question of fundamental attitudes.

It seems to me that Humboldt is spreading confusion and giving philosophic aid to those artists who have been either unwilling or unable to clear up the confusion in their own minds. Is he defending the so-called class-conscious artist against the "philistines" of the left, among whom he probably numbers me, or is he subverting Marxist theory in order to reconcile it with his own "prejudices" of taste?

The great difficulty among so-called class-conscious abstract artists is that they refuse to re-examine fundamentally the tenets of their artistic philosophy in the light of their professed Marxism. They continue to rationalize their stand and consequently do violence to a consistent Marxist attitude toward the world.

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## Stack Not Resigning NMU Post, Raps Press Rumors

By Arnold Sroog

Joseph Stack, vice-president of the CIO National Maritime Union (NMU), yesterday denied that he was resigning from his post and charged "those responsible for the 'leaks' to the press" were attempting to disrupt the union's fight for

increased wages. He declared in a statement that he would discuss his "alleged resignation or non-resignation" with the NMU's National Council, presumably at its next meeting on Jan. 6.

The report of his resignation was printed originally in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, which reportedly picked up the story from West Coast sources. However, Joseph Curran, NMU president, confirmed the report when queried here Tuesday night.

Curran was unavailable for comment on Stack's statement last night.

"The stories printed in the press," Stack declared, "have the purpose of trying to create the impression that the membership of the NMU is in full support of Curran's recent statement concerning the Committee for Maritime Unity (CMU), thereby implying that those people in the union leadership who disagree with Curran have no alternative but to leave their posts of leadership in the union."

Meetings in ports all over the country, Stack said, show that "the overwhelming majority" have rejected Curran's position on resigning from the CMU.

### 3 MORE PORTS IN

Late reports reaching here which revealed that meetings in Seattle, Portland, Ore., and San Pedro condemned Curran's resignation. The Seattle vote was unanimous. Earlier Baltimore, Boston and Norfolk had acted similarly. Philadelphia and New York favored Curran's position 2-1.

In San Francisco a vote of confidence in Curran, but with no reference to CMU, was won by the slim margin of 118-105 with more than half of those attending not voting. The meeting there was marked by sharp debate and was continued from Monday to Tuesday, despite the opposition of port agent James Drury.

Stack's statement follows in full:

"My alleged resignation or non-resignation as an officer of the NMU is a matter I will discuss, as proper, with the National Council and the membership of the NMU. One thing is certain, I have not resigned and, as a responsible elected vice president of the NMU, I intend to fulfill my responsibilities to the membership in the future in the same manner as I have always done in the past.

"I don't know who is responsible for the 'leaks' to the press. I certainly hope that no national officer of our union would indulge in the practice of divulging union matters in violation of our union's regular procedure.

### 'STOP AT NOTHING'

"The press statements printed Jan. 1, 1947, make it quite obvious to me that there are people who will stop at nothing in their efforts to disrupt our union and prevent it from unitedly fighting against the shipowners in our present wage negotiations, and for a better life for our membership. It is also quite obvious that these inspired stories have the purpose of confusing our membership and the rest of the labor movement, hoping that by outside pressure they will determine the course our membership will take on the various important problems they are faced with.

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ate the impression that the membership of the NMU is in full support of Curran's recent statement concerning the CMU, thereby implying that those people in the union leadership who disagree with Curran have no alternative but to leave their posts of leadership in the union.

"Unfortunately for these disruptive forces the wish is father to the thought and I predict that their wishful thinking is doomed to disappointment. The record will show that in membership meetings this

week the NMU membership in the overwhelming majority of the port branches have rejected Curran's statement and expressed in no uncertain terms their desire for continued and strengthened relationships with the CMU as the starting point to a greater and broader unity of all maritime workers, AFL, CIO and independent, regardless of race, creed, color or political affiliation, as an absolute necessity to meet the intensified attacks of the reactionary forces in this country."

## Illinois Bowls Over UCLANS, 45 to 14

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1 (UP).—Illinois, with its fleet, pony backs putting on one of the greatest offensive displays ever seen in the Rose Bowl, raced to an easy 45 to 14 victory over the University of California at Los Angeles today before 90,000 fans in the annual New Year's day football classic.

Bewildering the Pacific Coast Conference champions with the speed and precision of their attack, the Illini took over the game in the second quarter and dominated the play so completely it was strictly no contest.

But in scoring their decisive triumph, Illinois—champions of the Big Nine—gave the capacity thrill after thrill as Buddy Young, Julie Rykovich, Perry Moss, Paul Patterson and Russ Steger raced through and around the heavy UCLA line. It was a seven-touchdown attack the Bruins were powerless to stop. (Young and Patterson were two of four Negro stars on the field.)

Buddy Young, finally recovered from the injuries which hampered him all year, led the way.

Returning to the state where he won fame with the Fleet City Blue-jackets, one of the best service clubs of wartime football, Young put on one of the best shows of his long and brilliant career.

He ran like a flash, decoyed and blocked for his teammates and generally made himself the major Illinois nuisance for UCLA.

He had plenty of help and it was up front where the game was won. The lighter but speedy Illinois line completely outplayed the Bruin forwards. The UCLA linemen were mousetrapped so often coach Bert LaBrucherie almost emptied his bench in trying to plug the gaping holes, but with no success.

## State Employees March In Times Sq. 'Funeral'

Braving the first snow storm of the season, 100 black-clad unionists carried a coffin up Times Square to 47 St. and back yesterday afternoon bearing the inscription "Here Lies The Standard Of Living of State Employees."

Dressed in mourners attire, members of Local 2899, State Employees Union, affiliated with the United Public Workers of America, staged the demonstration to call attention to the plight of state employees whose wages average \$36 weekly. Milton Spelser, president of Local 2899, declared that the average take-home wage of state workers is only \$3.00 more than a family on home relief gets for a family of four.

As the union paraders marched from 42d St. and Broadway up to 47th St. and back down to Times Square in the swirling snow storm, pedestrians along the famed thoroughfare halted to watch them, despite the stinging drive of the wind. Many commented favorably, and one rookie cop in Times Square said wryly to the *Daily Worker* reporter: "Hell, us rookies are not much better off than those guys. They're fighting our fight."

Spelser said after the demonstration was completed:

"The purpose of this funeral procession on New Year's Day, a day ordinarily reserved for celebrating, is to bring to the citizens of New

York State the plight of state workers squeezed between the rising cost of living and inflexible pay scales.

"Governor Dewey and the Salary Standardization Board have as yet failed to realize the gravity of the situation which state employees now face. Thousands of employees are now quitting the state service because they are underpaid and overworked. They are forced to work at outside part-time jobs as drug clerks, shoe salesmen and counter-men."

The union is asking \$2.50 a day boost.

### Launches 5-Year Plan for Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 1.—Premier Tito, in a New Year's broadcast at midnight, said 1947 marked the beginning of a planned economy in Yugoslavia.

Tito said the year "inaugurates the five-year plan for industrialization and electrification whose achievement represents the essential condition for the rapid realization of better living standards for the present and future generations."



by BARNARD RUBIN

**FREE ENTERPRISE NOTE:** If you're interested, Sherman Billingsley will accept \$2,000,000 from you for his Stork Club.

To prove that life in a capitalist world can be good, it should be remembered that Billingsley started off with a mere \$250 investment—in a Prohibition speakeasy. . . .

### REVIEW-ETTE: "TOPLITZKY OF NOTRE DAME"

Shoddy columning on my part may have given you the impression that Toplitzky of Notre Dame is worth while seeing. I'm sorry. It is not.

Toplitzky's alleged plot features a rather vagueish and distasteful Abie's Irish Rose relationship between Toplitzky (J. Edward Bromberg), a Jewish Notre Dame football team fanatic, and an Irish character played by Gus Van of the old Van and Schenck vaudeville act. The entire musical revolves around their attempt to help the Notre Dame team beat Army.



There is a half-baked quality about the entire production; gag-timing is reminiscent of the kind of ham that killed vaudeville—and after Oklahoma!, Carousel and others—watching the dance routines was like witnessing the choreographic clock being put back 25 years. As a matter of fact, if Toplitzky was any better, I could call it the best musical of 1905.

Why an actor of Bromberg's stature should accept a role like Toplitzky has been puzzling me since I saw the show. Bromberg's distinguished career has included leading parts in Men in White, Awake and Sing and Jacobowsky and the Colonel. In Toplitzky, Bromberg has created a role which, by now, I am sure, he wishes had remained unborn.

The only good thing in Toplitzky is the I Want to Go to City College number featuring Frank Marlowe, whom I mentioned last week as the season's new comedy find. The only other attraction is the bosomy gal line—but even those curves still leave the show flat.

Aside from that, the show is two hours too long.

Toplitzky of Notre Dame is one football affair which even Alvin Paris can't fix.

If you're fond of things inane, insipid and innocuous—rush right down to the New Century Theatre. But don't say I sent you. . . .

### SHED A TEAR ITEM

Life and Reader's Digest moguls worried about the increasing stacks of unsold copies. . . .

### TOWN TALK

Warner Brothers' net profits for the past year approximated \$19,500,000—more than double the previous year. This cheery news, however, doesn't seem to console the many WB workers now getting the gate. . . .

Evelyn Knight will make her first radio appearance in 1947 on the Jack Smith show on Jan. 7. . . .

With the opening of Ray Robinson's new spot, Harlem now has three champ prize fighters in business—including Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis. . . .

Speaking of Harlem, Eddie Talianerrow, of the Caribbean Club there, puts it this way: "The only regrettable thing about Talmadge's death is that he left Bilbo and Rankin behind him. . . ."

Freeman Chum celebrating his 25th year of dishing out Chinese cooking. . . .

Joan Crawford, who owned the restaurant chain in Mildred Pierce, getting some extra-curricular recipes at the Chateaubriand. . . .

You can now get a sitter for your dog. Muleman Phil Davis has organized a dog-sitter service in Manhattan to watch over dogs while the family goes out.

Got any other problems?

### RULE BRITANNIA

In Old Delhi, India, a large proportion of the factory workers are children, 12 and 13 years of age.

During the war, some American GIs noticed that a small group of them used to meet every night, after working hours, circled around a dim lamp-post. There, they seemed to be listening to an adult Indian in their center—and straining their eyes reading something at the same time.

On inquiry, the GIs found that the kids were learning to read and write.

Touched, the GIs appealed to the British Viceroy for aid to further the kids' education.

The Viceroy acted immediately.

The next night, there was a much brighter light in the lamp-post. . . .

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## NATIONAL SCENE LITTLE LEFT OF U. S. HOUSING PROGRAM

THE GOVERNMENT wiped out most of what remained of former Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt's housing program when it ruled that a big percentage of available building materials no longer must be set aside for construction of homes. In announcing the end of the set-aside system, Housing Expediter Frank Creedon and the Office of Temporary Controls said dealers still must honor outstand-

ing veterans priorities. The last priorities were issued prior to Dec. 24. Creedon also junked a subsidy plan under which producers of gypsum paper liner, an essential component in housing construction, collected premiums for extra production.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN began working yesterday on his State-of-the-Union message.